



Michigan *Office of the Auditor General* **REPORT SUMMARY**

Performance Audit Parole Supervision and Parole Hearing Process Department of Corrections

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Field Operations Administration (FOA), Department of Corrections (DOC), supervises prisoners who are released to parole. Parolees are assigned to DOC parole agents based on the appropriate level of supervision (minimum, medium, maximum, or intensive). Also, FOA conducts parole hearings for parolees who commit parole violations.

Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of DOC's efforts to comply with statutes and internal policies and procedures related to parole supervision.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that DOC's efforts to comply with statutes and internal policies and procedures related to parole supervision were moderately effective. We noted four reportable conditions (Findings 1 through 4).

Reportable Conditions:

DOC should take the necessary steps to obtain access to other State databases to help locate parole absconders, including requesting an Attorney General opinion, seeking amendatory legislation, and establishing reciprocal data sharing agreements with other State departments (Finding 1).

DOC did not always comply with its policies for supervising parolees (Finding 2).

DOC did not effectively monitor the contract agency responsible for investigating, locating, and arresting Region I absconders (Finding 3).

DOC did not properly document that parolees met the requirements for discharge (Finding 4).

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Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of DOC's efforts to comply with its policies and procedures related to processing parole violators.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that DOC's efforts to comply with its policies and procedures related to processing parole violators were effective. Our audit report does not include any reportable conditions related to this audit objective.

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Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of DOC's efforts to ensure the integrity of parole data within the Offender Management Network Information System (OMNI).

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that DOC's efforts to ensure the integrity of parole data within OMNI were moderately effective. We noted one reportable condition (Finding 5).

Reportable Condition:

DOC parole agents did not properly update OMNI (Finding 5).

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Agency Response:

Our audit report includes 5 findings and 5 corresponding recommendations. DOC's preliminary response indicates that it agrees with all of the recommendations and has taken or will take steps to comply.

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